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SUBJ: OSIRIS NUCLEAR REACTOR BEING INSTALLED BY FRENCH IN IRAQ

1. ON MARCH 16, FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARY SENT ME A HANDWRITTEN NOTE COVERING A MEMO PREPARED BY HIS STAFF CONCERNING THE OSIRIS NUCLEAR REACTOR BEING INSTALLED BY THE FRENCH IN IRAQ. THE MEMO EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE 93 PERCENT ENRICHED URANIUM INVOLVED IN THE OSIRIS, TOGETHER WITH ITALIAN SUPPLIED LABORATORIES, COULD RESULT IN THE SEPARATION OF PLUTONIUM IN QUANITIES AND GRADE ADEQUATE FOR THE PRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THE MEMO SUGGESTED THAT AN "INDIAN-TYPE" EXPLOSION COULD BE PRODUCED BY IRAQ IN THE NEXT THREE YEARS.
2. SINCE KHALATBARY'S NOTE ASKED WHAT "THE AMERICAN EXPERTS" THINK OF THIS SITUATION, I DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH HIM WHEN WE MET ON OTHER SUBJECTS MARCH 19. BASED ON REPORTS RECEIVED IN OTHER CHANNELS, I SAID THAT FRENCH INTENDED MODIFY THE REACTOR TO USE ONLY TWENTY PERCENT ENRICHED URANIUM IN MANNER WHICH WOULD MAKE ITS USE FOR WEAPONS PURPOSES IMPOSSIBLE. HOWEVER, THERE WERE REPORTS THAT FRENCH WERE HAVING DIFFICULTY DEVELOPING THESE CHANGES IN THE OSIRIS.

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3. UPSHOT OF CONVERSATION WAS THAT KHALATBARY PROPOSED TO ASK FRENCH TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH IRANIAN TECHNICAL EXPERTS IN ORDER TO DEVELOP MORE COMPREHENSIVE UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEM. KHALATBARY POINTED OUT THAT IRAN WAS NOT WITHOUT INFLUENCE IN PARIS ON NUCLEAR MATTERS, SINCE GOI ACTIVELY NEGOTIATING WITH FRENCH ON POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF MORE FRAMATONE POWER REACTORS.

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